

NOVEMBER 2012 diversitydialogue



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The diversity of Angelo State University's student body and employees delivers an immeasurable cultural and intellectual impact in the learning process on campus and in the community.

Local families have been deeply enriched over the years by serving as hosts to foreign exchange or first-generation students. It would also be interesting to know how many San Angeloans have had a chance encounter with one of our students in a restaurant, for instance, and learned just a little more about the world.

The impact on campus is a strengthening of enrollment with students from different countries, cultures and backgrounds. ASU students have a priceless opportunity to step out of comfort zones, ask questions of each other, and continue in earnest a lifelong learning process about differences and similarities among all people.

ASU's commitment to diversity serves the community well by providing opportunities for interaction and insight into other ideas and ways of life. As well, it benefits our students as individuals who understand, think and speak from a broader perspective, skills that are critical as they launch careers in a globally networked environment.

The fabric of our campus and greater community is brighter and stronger for embracing a true spirit of exchange and fellowship across the world.



Students work their way through an obstacle course in wheel chairs. PHOTO BY DANNY MEYER

Living without Limits

Life is full of obstacles to overcome, particularly for people with different abilities. On Oct. 23, the Multicultural Center raised awareness about disability issues and celebrated the numerous contributions made by people with disabilities. The celebration commemorated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month by paying tribute to the accomplishments of people with disabilities, and confirmed ASU's commitment to guarantee equal opportunity for all citizens.

Activities took place in the main lobby of the University Center, and included food prepared using recipes by blind chef Christine Ha, who in September won the Fox tv reality show "Master Chef." The presentation also featured instructional video clips of Ha preparing her signature dishes. Students and community members

had the opportunity to read and gain more knowledge about disabilities.

The event included interactive activities for students to understand the daily challenges and struggles experienced by people with disabilities. Stations were arranged in the University Center for participants to experience simulations of immobility, hearing impairment and loss of sight. The West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Disability Connections Resource Center and Department of Assistive Rehabilitation Services also had stations set up with information about their organizations and various disabilities.

Students and community members were able to expand their understanding of disability awareness and celebrate the many achievements of various people who have overcome obstacles to rise above difficult circumstances and live without limitations.

11/8

Honoring our Veterans
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ UC Lobby

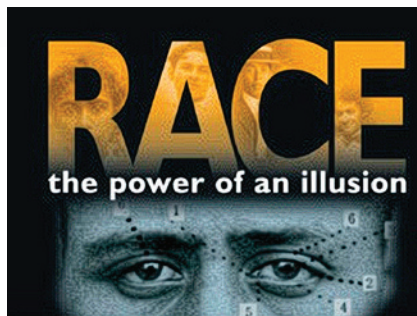
11/28

Native American Culture
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ UC Lobby

TUES/THURS

Zumba, 8-9 p.m. @ UC Lobby

El Cafecito, 9 a.m.-Noon
@ Multicultural Center Lobby



Lending

Library Highlight:

Race: The Power of an Illusion

DVD | THREE PART SERIES

This documentary, narrated by cch Pounder, focuses on race and the impact it has on society on a daily basis. It is an intricate study that challenges the manner in which we view the fundamental beliefs about ethnicity. The video is divided in three episodes: "The Difference Between Us," "The Story We Tell" and "The House We Lie In." The documentary explores contemporary science issues concerning genetics, assumptions, history and myths about race.

DID YOU KNOW...

Texas is spelled "Taysha" in the Caddo Indian language and it means "friend?"

Student Highlight: **Shannon Williams**

CLASS: FRESHMAN | MAJOR: KINESIOLOGY



I feel accomplished because I have graduated from high school and can now pursue my career by going to college. My sister graduated from Angelo State University, so she is my inspiration to finish college. I feel accomplished because during my high school career, I remained on the A-B Honor Roll for all four years and graduated in the top quarter of my class. I also sang in my high school talent show my sophomore, junior and senior years, and placed in the top 3 twice. I am currently in the Up and Coming Scholars program here at ASU. If I decide to pursue a degree in kinesiology, I would like to use the degree for a career in massage therapy.

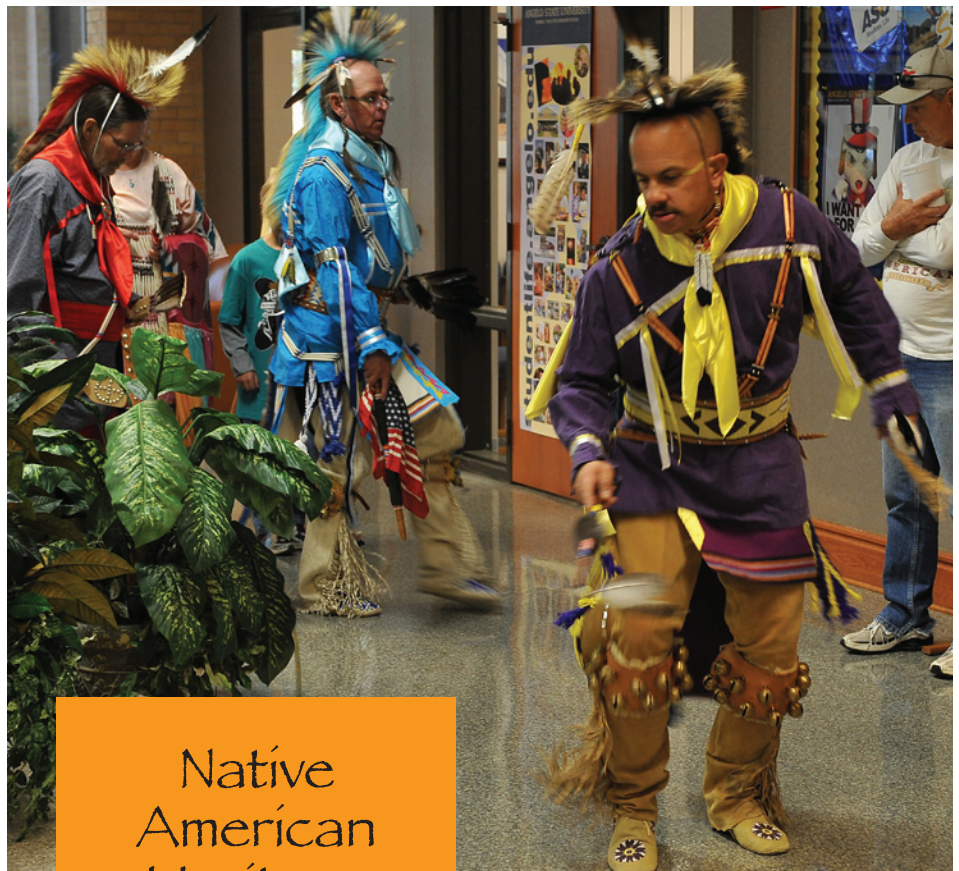


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Native
American
Heritage
Month

This month we are also celebrating Native American Culture on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Come by and partake in the many activities that will inform and celebrate this culture.